

wold family entitled, "John Griswold 1754-1843 and Elizabeth Crittenden 1761-1851 of Clinton Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania: Their Ancestors, Their Descendants." The author of that history, S. Robert Powell, has in the past year been energetically and methodically engaged in gathering as much material as possible on the Griswolds, and a questionnaire seeking basic biographical information on births, deaths, marriages and graduations, was sent to many Griswold descendants. Griswolds who could not be at Ridge Farm on August 19, 1981, for the Reunion, sent in their questionnaires by mail. An invitation to the Reunion was sent to the daughter of Gertrude Irene Loomis and Henry H. Schaffer, and her husband, Audrey and Terje Steinstø, who live in Norway. Two days after the Reunion an audio cassette was sent by Mrs. Steinstø to Mrs. Margaret Rude. In that cassette Audrey Steinstø talks about her family and about the geography of Norway. In addition to the wealth of new information from the returned questionnaires, much new information was read aloud to the assembled group by Mrs. Verna C. Varcoe, acting head of the committee on births, deaths and marriages, and by Mrs. Stephen Treat, Mrs. Margaret Rude, and S. Robert Powell.

Mrs. Alice Lund, head of the Program Committee, then presented Mrs. Mildred Anderson, who played her auto-harp and led the group in singing old time songs and hymns. Mrs. Lund then gave a violin solo, "Whispering." By popular demand she repeated her performance and the entire group sang along with her. Mrs. Lund then read a text which she prepared on her recollections of the buildings and life as it was lived at the family ancestral home, the John Griswold Homestead, built in 1819 by Captain Levi Bennett for John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden, and in later years owned by Francis Griswold and his wife, Jane Loomis, who established therein the Cold Water Tavern. On May 1, 1871, the Cold Water Tavern became the property of Henry Banning Curtis and Louisa Griswold and then became known as the Curtis Homestead. The Curtis Homestead still stands. Since the seventy-fourth reunion of the descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden on August 20, 1980, two honored members of the Griswold family died: Lois Tryphenia (Norton) Curtis and Dwight William Rude. In order to pay tribute to these honored family members, S. Robert Powell prepared and read to the group a paper entitled "In Memoriam Lois Tryphenia (Norton) Curtis In Memoriam Dwight William Rude."